

Have you seen "The Song of the Contrabands"? How glad I am that the poor creatures have sung in cotton is now proclaimed on the house-tops!



Mrs L. Maria Child
Wayland
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Wayland, Dec. 15th, 1861.

Dear Friend Walcutt,

The Tracts you gave me concerning The War Power for the Abolition of Slavery, have been put in circulation among the soldiers. I could make a similar use of ten or a dozen more, if you have them, and want them circulated. I am making up a box for the Kansas Brigade, or rather George L. Stearns is, and I am helping him fill it. I could put a few of the Tracts in, for the "Kansas boys" to circulate. I should like a few copies of my Patriarchal Institution very much, if I could procure them. I also want three copies of Linda, for which I will pay you when I next come down, unless I see Mrs. Jacobs, meanwhile, in which case I will pay her. These things you may

send, if you please, to Moore's Wayland
Express, No 6 Court Square. If you
have any of those envelopes with a
Liberty Bell engraved on them, you
may put in a package; and I will
pay you when I come. Please mark
the price on them.

I want to ask a favor of
you. If the ladies have a Reception
in January, as they at present intend,
I shall need a gentleman friend near
me to receive the money that may be
handed to me, and make record
of it in a book. Will you be so kind
as to help me in that way? I found
it difficult to do it myself, on account
of people's coming up to be introduced.

This year, I think you will not find
yourself hurried by the multiplicity of
donations. There is every reason to suppose
our receipts will be small.

Yours cordially,

Le. Maria Child.